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Disafforestation of forests in Kurnool district.

* 822 Q.—MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the reply to my question No. 32 regarding the alleged memorial about the disafforestation of forests in Kurnool district, answered on 23rd August 1927, that the Government had called for a report, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the report on the table of the House ?

A.—Information on the points asked for in Legislative Council question No. 32 is appended.^a

Levy of grazing fees in the forests of Kurnool district.

* 823 Q.—MR. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : With reference to the reply to my question No. 166 (b) (ii) and (iii) and (e) regarding levy of grazing fees in the forests of Kurnool district that reports had been called for, will the hon. the Home Member be now pleased to lay those reports on the table of the House ?

A.—The information is appended.^b

Forests handed over to Forest Panchayats in South Kanara.

* 824 Q.—MR. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

- (a) what is the total extent of reserved forests in South Kanara ;
- (b) how many of these forests have been handed over to panchayats under the Forest Village system and what is the total area of such forests ;
- (c) whether these panchayats have worked satisfactorily ; and
- (d) whether the Government have any objection to bring under panchayat management all the reserves up to a distance of one mile from the adjoining private holdings ?

A.—(a) The hon. Member's attention is invited to Form No. 26 appended to the Administration Report of the Forest department, Volume I.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the statement given in answer to clause (b) of Legislative Council question No. 486 answered on 23rd March 1927. The actual area of these forests is not known.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

MR. A. B. SHETTY :—“ May I know, Sir, if the Government have any objection to bring under panchayat management all the reserves in South Kanara up to a distance of one mile from the adjoining private holdings ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ There are certain administrative difficulties, Sir.”

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Mr. K. R. KARANT :—“ May I ask, Sir, if as is stated in the answer there is objection to bring all the reserves mentioned in clause (d), whether in view of the fact that they have worked satisfactorily so far, the question of extending the panchayat system will be considered in the near future ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I shall have to examine the question, Sir.”

Quantity of sandalwood exported to Europe or America.

* 825 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the quantity of sandalwood is that is exported from this province to either Europe or America ; and

(b) the purpose for which sandalwood is used in the countries to which it is exported ?

A.—(a) Two hundred and forty-five tons were exported to America and Europe in 1925-26.

(b) Chiefly for making sandalwood oil.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ In answer to clause (a) it is stated that sandalwood is taken to Europe and America for making sandalwood oil. May I ask the hon. the Minister for Development whether he could not try to have it done here ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ Supplemental questions are to be addressed to the Member to whom the original question is put. If the hon. Member wants to put any supplemental question based upon this question to any other Member of the Treasury Bench, he has to frame a separate question and give notice of it.”

Jails

Persons sent to Andamans from the Madras Presidency.

* 826 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons sent from this Province to Andamans up to the date for which information is available ;

(b) how many of them are convicts ;

(c) how many of them are males and how many females ;

(d) whether there are any above the age of 50 and below 10 ; if so, what is their number ;

(e) the number of deaths after arrival in the Island ;

(f) whether there were any non-Mappillas among the men ; if so, how many of them ; and

(g) whether Government will make a statement with regard to the present condition of the persons sent out to Andamans from this Province ?